

App. No. 09/945385
Office Action Dated May 19, 2004
Amd. Dated September 20, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claim 1 is hereby amended. Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claim 9 is supported by Fig. 7 and at page 3, lines 10-14. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are pending.

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wright (US 2,890,548). Applicants do not concede correctness to the rejection and respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 is directed to a method for nozzle-injection of gas into molten glass. The gas stream is interrupted between two sequential pulses by creating a pressure-free phase.

Wright is directed to the introduction of a gas into a molten mass. Wright, however, fails to teach or suggest the gas stream is interrupted between two sequential pulses by creating a pressure-free phase. Thus, Wright fails to anticipate claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wright (US 2,890,548). Applicants do not concede correctness to the rejection and respectfully traverse the rejection.

As discussed above for claim 1, Wright fails to teach or suggest the gas stream is interrupted between two sequential pulses by creating a pressure-free phase. Thus, Wright fails to render claim 1 obvious. Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wright (US 2,890,548). Applicants do not concede correctness to the rejection and respectfully traverse the rejection. Claim 8 depends from claim 1. For the reasons discussed above for claim 1, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions or concerns regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, John J. Gresens, Reg. No. 33,112, at (612)371.5265.

Respectfully submitted,

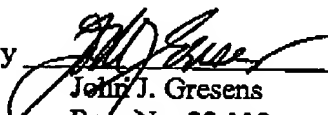
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